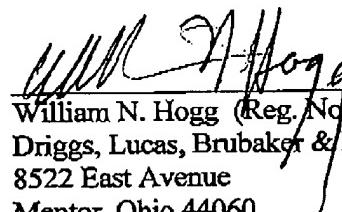


Remarks

The examiner has allowed claims 16 and 18, the only remaining claims in the application since all of the other claims pending in the case have been canceled. This places the application in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited,

Respectfully submitted,

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